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SUBJECT: GREECE AND CAMBODIA ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

1. A FEW DAYS AGO THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE IN ATHENS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC CAMBODIA HAD DECIDED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL EFFECTIVE AS OF AUGUST 1, 1976. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTINUED THAT THE EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS WOULD BE EFFECTED WHEN ALL REQUIRED FORMALITIES ARE COMPLETED.

2. A GREEK MFA SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN PUSHING GREECE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT GREECE DOES NOT HAVE MUCH INTEREST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, NOR IN CAMBODIA IN PARTICULAR. ALTHOUGH GREECE DID NOT MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH THE PREVIOUS REGIME IN CAMBODIA, ON BALANCE, THE GOG DECIDED NEVERTHELESS TO ACCEDE TO THE CAMBODIAN REQUEST. A GREEK MISSION WILL NOT BE OPENED IN CAMBODIA, AT LEAST FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, AND GREEK AMBASSADOR TO THE PRC, DIMITRI VELISSAROPOULOS, WILL BE ACCREDITED TO PHNOM PENH WHILE CONTINUING TO RESIDE IN PEKING (HE IS ALSO ACCREDITED TO HANOI).

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3. THE MFA SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE CAMBODIANS HAD NOT

YET DETERMINED WHICH OF THEIR ENVOYS RESIDENT ELSEWHERE
WOULD BE ACCREDITED TO GREECE. THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE
BEEN TAKING PLACE IN PEKING, HE ADDED, AND THE "REQUIRED
FORMALITIES" WILL PROBABLY NOT BE CONCLUDED BEFORE THE
END OF THIS YEAR, AT THE EARLIEST.

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